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"LOOK OUT, EARTH!
IT'S DOOMSDAY
WHEN **SUPERMAN**
SCREAMS..."

"I WANT TO
WRECK
THE WORLD!"

PRESENTING--
STILL ANOTHER SAGA IN THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF

SUPERMAN

TAKE A LOOK AT
TV REPORTER
CLARK KENT
DUCKING INTO
HIS OFFICE!

NOW YOU MAY
THINK YOU
KNOW WHAT
HE'S UP TO...

CLARK KENT

THERE'S
A **JOB** TO
BE DONE...

"BUT BE
PREPARED FOR
A **SHOCK!**"

"A **JOB** FOR
SUPERMAN--
THAT ONLY **I**
AM MIGHTY
ENOUGH TO
CARRY OUT--



--TO DESTROY
THE EARTH!

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I MAGINE FOR A MOMENT YOU'RE THE **MIGHTIEST MAN ON EARTH!** WHAT SORT
OF MONUMENTAL TASK WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO TACKLE WITH YOUR FANTASTIC SUPER-POWERS?
W HATEVER YOUR ANSWER IS--WE'RE SURE IT **WON'T** BE THE SAME COMPULSION
GRIPPING **SUPERMAN'S** MIND AT THIS VERY MOMENT...

"I WANT TO WRECK THE WORLD!"

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AS WE SHIFT HALFWAY ACROSS THE WORLD AND SEE DAWN COME UP OVER A BARREN HORIZON TO WARM THE FROST-COVERED TUNDRA OF NORTHERN SIBERIA...

...A TINY SILHOUETTE CAN BE SEEN AGAINST THE FIERY SUN...

A SILHOUETTE THAT FLIES CLOSER AND STARTS TO COME INTO FOCUS...

...FLYING CLOSER AND CLOSER STILL...

THIS AREA SHOULD DO NICELY! IT'S SO DESOLATE-- THERE'S NOT ANOTHER HUMAN BEING FOR MILES AROUND--

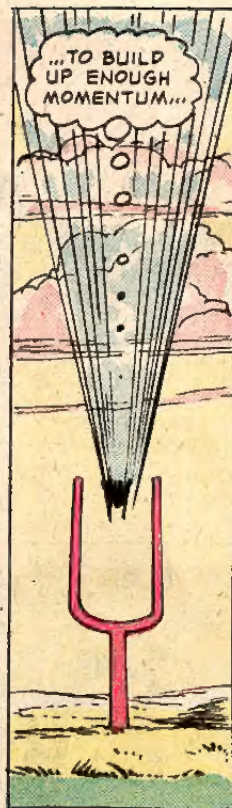
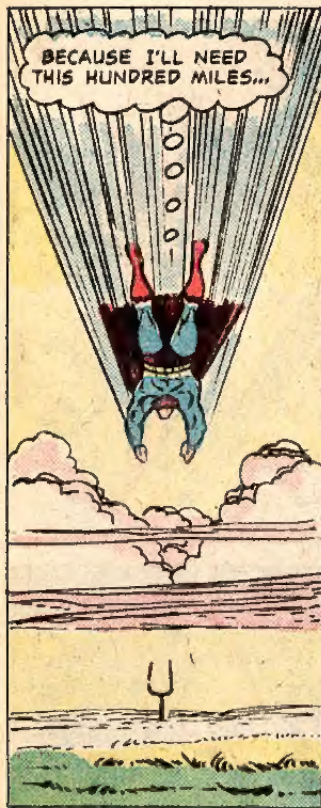
...UNTIL...

--NOTHING TO DISTRACT ME FROM THE URGENT JOB I HAVE TO DO!

TO START OFF-- A SUPER-FLING TO THRUST THIS GIANT TUNING FORK I CONSTRUCTED FIRMLY INTO THE EARTH!

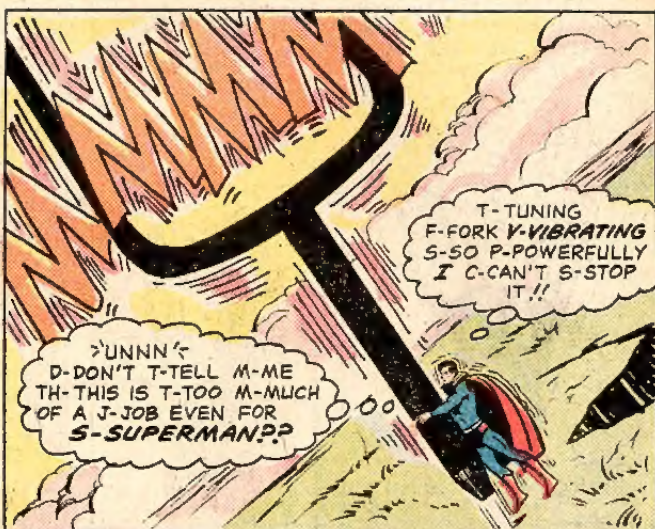
NEXT STEP-- I SCOOT OFF AT LEAST A HUNDRED MILES AWAY--

--TO GIVE MYSELF ENOUGH OF A HEAD-START!



HORROR-STRUCK, THE MAN OF TOMORROW SCORCHES THE AIR ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE DOOMSDAY DEVICE...

ONLY POSSIBLE WAY TO CUT THAT FISSURE SHORT IS BY PLUCKING THE VIBRATING FORK OUT OF THE GROUND!



T-TUNING
F-FORK V-VIBRATING
S-SO P-POWERFULLY
I C-CAN'T S-STOP
IT!!

>UNNN<
D-DON'T T-TELL M-ME
TH-THIS IS T-TOO M-MUCH
OF A J-JOB EVEN FOR
S-SUPERMAN??

O-ONLY ONE
A-ANSWER!

G-GOT T-TO P-PITCH
IT UP INTO T-THE
S-SKY...

...BEYOND
THE ATMOSPHERE
AND INTO ORBIT
IN OUTER SPACE...

...WHERE THERE'S NO
AIR TO CARRY THE
DEADLY SOUND-WAVES!

>WHEW< THE
TUNING FORK IS
NOW JUST A
HARMLESS HUNK
OF SPACE-JUNK!

WITHIN SCANT SECONDS, **SUPERMAN** HAS CLOSED THE FISSURE AND MENDED THE SIBERIAN LANDSCAPE--

I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT CAME OVER ME!



I WAS ONLY A FEW SOUND-WAVES AWAY FROM SPLITTING THE ENTIRE PLANET!

--BUT MENDING A **SUPER-MIND** IS ANOTHER MATTER!--

FOR A WHILE MY WILL POWER SEEMED DOMINATED BY A **STRONGER FORCE--**

--TRANSMITTED-- TO MAKE A CALCULATED GUESS-- BY **DR. XADU** AND **ZEDA**--

--THE MAN-AND-WIFE CRIMINAL TEAM FROM MY NATIVE WORLD, **KRYPTON!**

THEY'RE SOMEWHERE ON EARTH TO SEEK **REVENGE** AGAINST ME--AND **FORCING** ME TO DESTROY THE WORLD MUST BE IT!

BUT UNKNOWN TO THE **ACTION ACE**, HIS EVERY MOVE HAS BEEN UNDER CLOSE OBSERVATION-- BETWEEN TWO REMARKABLE **HANDS** MANY MILES AWAY...

SUPERMAN FOUGHT BACK OUR FIRST ATTEMPT TO CONTROL HIS MIND-- EXACTLY AS WE **PREDICTED** HE WOULD!

HA! THE **MAN OF STEEL** DOESN'T KNOW IT YET... BUT EVERYTHING HE DOES GUARANTEES OUR **PLAN** WILL **SUCCEED!**

...EXTRAORDINARY HANDS THAT LINK THE DEADLIEST COUPLE IN THE GALAXY-- **DR. XADU** AND **ZEDA**, FUGITIVES FROM THE **PHANTOM ZONE** WHERE CONDEMNED **KRYPTONIAN** CRIMINALS WERE CONFINED...

THROUGH OUR **COSMIC POWER-GRIP**, WE'LL BE WATCHING EVERY EXQUISITE DETAIL OF **SUPERMAN'S** FOOLHARDY ATTEMPTS TO RESIST US!

OH, PLEASE-- **XADU**-- LET ME SEE THE **FUN** FROM THE BEGINNING AGAIN!

VERY WELL, MY OVER-ZEALOUS WIFE! BUT THIS IS THE **LAST TIME!**

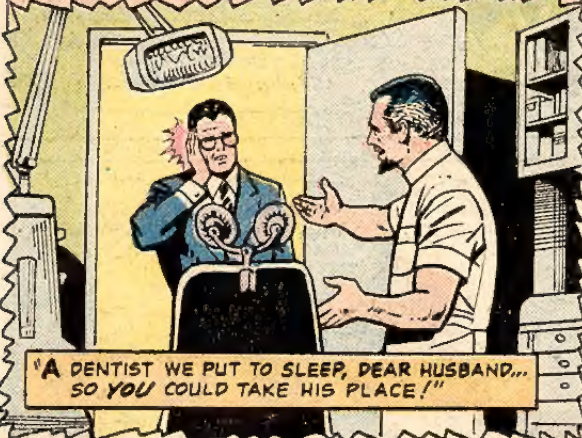
OOOO... WHAT A THRILL! ONCE AGAIN TO WALLOW IN HOW IT ALL STARTED...

"...THE MOMENT OUR UNSUSPECTING FOE ATE A PIECE OF THE DOCTORED CANDY WE SENT HIM..."

OWWWWWW!

A SUDDEN **TOOTHACHE** STABBING MY JAW WITH **EXCRUCIATING PAIN--!**

"PAIN-- SOMETHING A **SUPERMAN** WAS NOT ACCUSTOMED TO! IN SHEER DESPERATION, HE SOUGHT OUT A DENTIST WHOSE OFFICE HAPPENED TO BE CLOSE BY..."



"A DENTIST WE PUT TO SLEEP, DEAR HUSBAND... SO YOU COULD TAKE HIS PLACE!"

"WE REMINDED HIM HOW HE TRICKED US AND LEFT US MAROONED ON A FAR-AWAY WORLD WHEN HE WAS **SUPERBOY**..."



"...AND LET HIM KNOW WE WERE BACK FOR OUR REVENGE! BUT THE BEAUTIFUL PART OF IT WAS--"

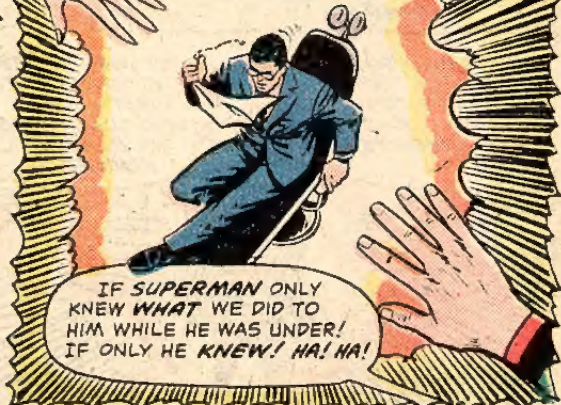
"ONCE YOU SUBJECTED **SUPERMAN** TO OUR SPECIAL **ANESTHETIC GAS**-- NOTHING COULD STOP OUR MASTER PLAN..."

WHA--? NOW I... RECOGNIZE YOU... DR. XADU AND WIFE... ZEDA..."

TOO LATE, HATED FOE! THIS GAS IS THE PRODUCT OF **KRYPTONIAN** SCIENCE... AND IT'S PUT YOU UNDER A **SPELL**!



--WE SIMPLY LEFT HIM THERE... WITHOUT DROPPING THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF HOW WE WERE GOING TO STRIKE BACK!



IF **SUPERMAN** ONLY KNEW WHAT WE DID TO HIM WHILE HE WAS UNDER! IF ONLY HE KNEW! HA! HA!

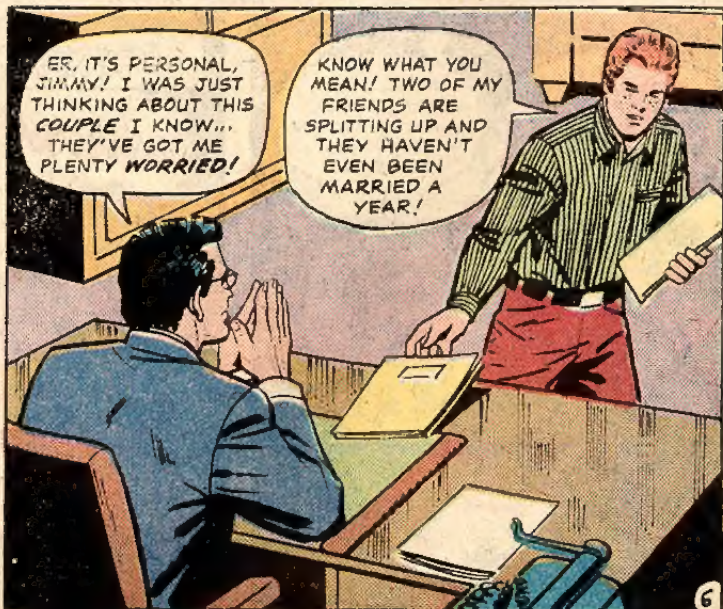
MEANWHILE, IN AN OFFICE OF THE **GALAXY BROADCASTING SYSTEM**...

ANYTHING ON YOUR MIND CLARK? YOU'VE BEEN AWFUL MOODY THIS AFTERNOON--



ER, IT'S PERSONAL, JIMMY! I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT THIS COUPLE I KNOW... THEY'VE GOT ME PLENTY WORRIED!

KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN! TWO OF MY FRIENDS ARE SPLITTING UP AND THEY HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN MARRIED A YEAR!



THE MILD-MANNERED NEWSCASTER TRIES TO CARRY ON WITH HIS DAY-- BUT HIS THOUGHTS ARE CONSTANTLY GRIM AND FAR AWAY...

GET READY, CLARK! THREE SECONDS TILL AIR-TIME!

IT'S THE ONLY EXPLANATION I CAN FIGURE! WHILE I WAS IN THE DENTIST'S CHAIR UNDER THAT PARALYZING GAS--

--XADU AND ZEDA MUST'VE SUBJECTED ME TO SOME SORT OF HYPNOTIC POWER THAT FORCED ME TO DO MY SUPER-POWERED BEST TO WRECK THE WORLD!

I MANAGED TO OVERCOME IT *ONCE*-- BUT WHAT IF THERE'S A NEXT TIME?!

EARLY THE NEXT MORNING...

HE'S COMING IN FAST... RECKLESSLY FAST!

GREAT SCOTT! WHAT THE BLAZES IS HE UP TO?

AND WHAT'S THAT STRANGE HARNESS STRAPPED AROUND HIM?



BOOM!

THAT'S WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO EARTH AS SOON AS THESE PSONIC TORPEDOES HIT THE GROUND!

THERE WON'T BE ENOUGH OF THE PLANET LEFT TO FILL A DIXIE CUP!

SUPERMAN IS ABOUT TO BECOME **SUPERBOMB!**
HA... HA...!



A SPLIT-SECOND LATER...

GREAT KRYPTON!

I... ALMOST DID IT AGAIN--!

AT THE LAST INSTANT, I MANAGED TO SUMMON UP ENOUGH WILL POWER TO RESIST THE COMMAND XADU AND ZEDA GAVE ME--

--AND STRIP OFF THE PSONIC BOMBS JUST BEFORE I HIT THE GROUND...

...SO I'D HAVE THE PRECIOUS TIME I'LL NEED--

--TO MAKE A LAST-SECOND CATCH!

WHEW! ANOTHER INCH AND THE TORPEDOES WOULD'VE TORPEDDED!

MY!-- I MUST CONFESS I WAS WORRIED THERE FOR A MOMENT!

I THOUGHT SUPERMAN WOULD ACTUALLY FAIL US!

RELAX, DEAREST! THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN WIN THE BATTLE OF THE MINDS AGAINST SUPERMAN!

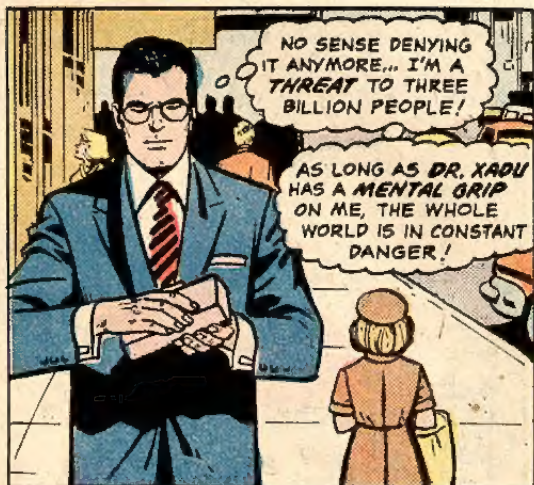
DON'T FORGET, IF WE WIN... WE LOSE!

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LATER THAT DAY, ON A METROPOLIS STREET...

LIKE TO BUY A BOX OF GIRL SCOUT CANDY, SIR?

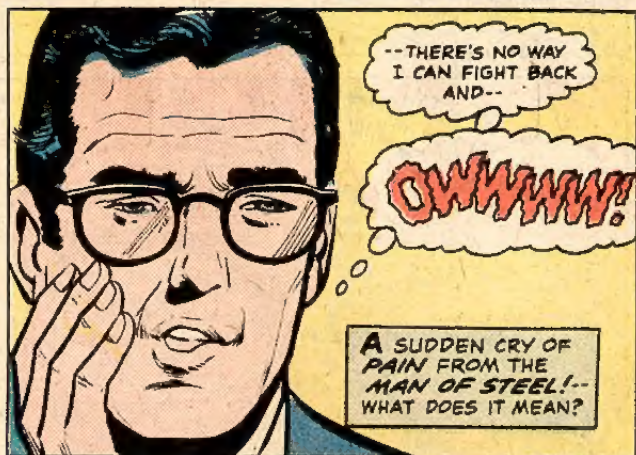
GOSH, I NEVER SAW A GROWN-UP LOOK SO SAD! HE MUST HAVE A DYNAMITE PROBLEM ON HIS MIND!



NO SENSE DENYING IT ANYMORE... I'M A THREAT TO THREE BILLION PEOPLE!

AS LONG AS DR. XADU HAS A MENTAL GRIP ON ME, THE WHOLE WORLD IS IN CONSTANT DANGER!

AND SINCE THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FIND OUT WHERE ON EARTH THAT DIABOLIC MAN-AND-WIFE TEAM IS HIDING--



--THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FIGHT BACK AND--

OWWWWWW!

A SUDDEN CRY OF PAIN FROM THE MAN OF STEEL!-- WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

THE WORLD IS SOON TO FIND OUT-- FOR THE NEXT MORNING...

WOW! WILL YA LOOK AT WHAT SUPERMAN'S GOT ON HIS SHOULDERS?

I NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE!

BUT TWO PEOPLE ON EARTH VERY DEFINITELY HAVE SEEN SOMETHING LIKE IT BEFORE...

ARE YOU SURE IT'S THE PLANET-EATING ASTRO-GERM FROM ALPHA CENTAURI?

NO MISTAKE, SWEETHEART! I'D RECOGNIZE THAT PRISM-CAGE THE CENTAURIANS BUILT ANYWHERE!

SUPERMAN MUST'VE BROUGHT THE GERM TO EARTH!-- AND YOU KNOW WHY!

SEE-- HE'S
STARTING TO
CRACK THE
PRISM OPEN!

WHAT A
STUPENDOUS
WAY TO DOOM
THE EARTH!

BUT NO NEED FOR CONCERN,
ZEDA! SUPERMAN IS BOUND
TO STOP HIS WORLD-WRECKING
LIKE HE DID THE FIRST TWO TIMES!

I WONDER HOW CLOSE
HE'LL COME THIS TIME?

YOU KNOW, I'M STARTING
TO ENJOY WATCHING
THESE THRILLING
NEAR-MISSES!

HE... LOOKS
AWFULLY
DETERMINED,
XADU! I
WONDER...

GREAT
MOONS!
SOMETHING
HAS GONE
WRONG!

SUPERMAN'S
REALLY DONE
IT THIS TIME!

THE ASTRAL
GERM IS ON
THE LOOSE!

THE WHOLE
WORLD WILL BE
CONTAMINATED
AND CONSUMED
UNLESS WE
STOP IT NOW!

MEANTIME, THE MONSTROUS MICROBE MAKES
ITS MENACING MOVE...

YEE-OOWW!
AND I
THOUGHT
WATCHING
A HORROR
SHOW ON TV
WAS SCARY!

I-IT'S A LOT
SCARIER
WHEN YOU'RE
IN IT!

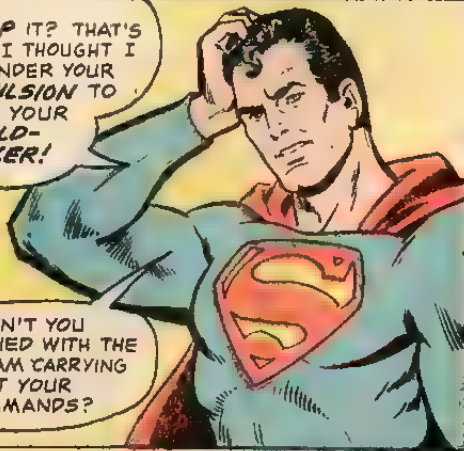
SUDDENLY, A BEAM-BLAST-- AND THE
KILLER-GERM DISINTEGRATES!

AHH... WE MEET
AGAIN, DR. XADU
AND ZEDA!

NOT BY
CHOICE,
SUPERMAN!
WE HAD TO
STOP THE
ASTRAL GERM
FROM
RAVAGING
THIS PLANET!

S-STOP IT? THAT'S ODD-- I THOUGHT I WAS UNDER YOUR **COMPULSION** TO ACT AS YOUR **WORLD-WRECKER!**

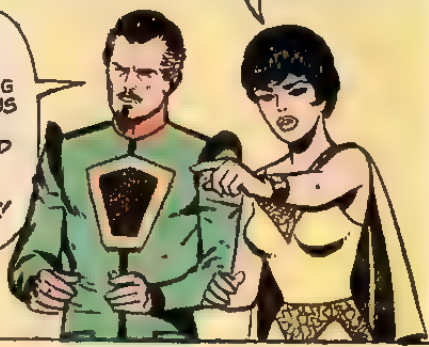
AREN'T YOU SATISFIED WITH THE WAY I AM CARRYING OUT YOUR COMMANDS?



HE'S TAUNTING US, **XADU!** HE **KNOWS!**

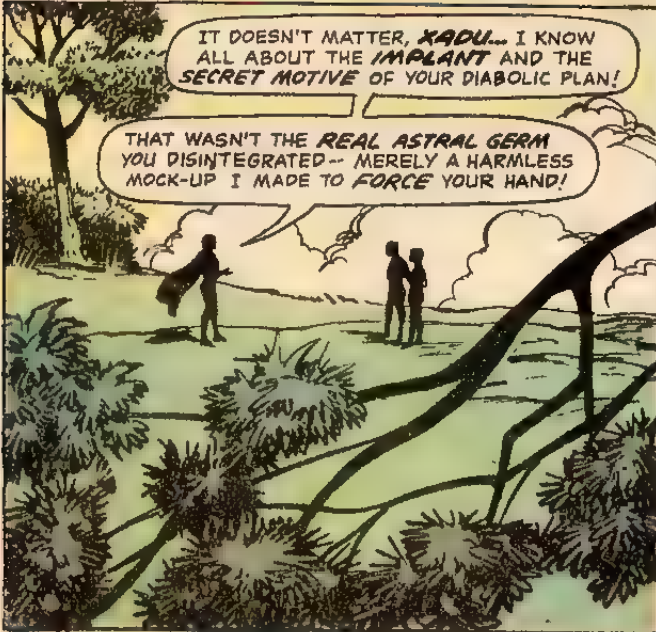
SOMEHOW HE FOUND OUT ABOUT THE **ENERGY-IMPLANT!**

QUIET, ZEDA! HE'S TRYING TO TRICK US AGAIN-- LIKE HE DID WHEN HE WAS **SUPERBOY!**



IT DOESN'T MATTER, **XADU...** I KNOW ALL ABOUT THE **IMPLANT** AND THE **SECRET MOTIVE** OF YOUR **DIABOLIC PLAN!**

THAT WASN'T THE **REAL ASTRAL GERM** YOU DISINTEGRATED-- MERELY A HARMLESS **MOCK-UP** I MADE TO **FORCE YOUR HAND!**



WHY, YOU NO-GOOD, **FLAMING, KRYPTONIAN...**

EASY, DEAR! LOSING YOUR TEMPER WON'T **DO!**

TELL US, **SUPERMAN--** WHAT GAVE US AWAY?

AN **OVERSIGHT?** SLIP OF THE TONGUE?



MY **SWEET TOOTH** BETRAYED YOU!

WHEN I BIT INTO A PIECE OF **CANDY** YESTERDAY, I FELT INTENSE **PAIN** AGAIN...



"...THE SAME TOOTH THAT BOTHERED ME THE FIRST TIME..."

"THIS TIME I REALIZED THERE WAS SOMETHING **ON THAT TOOTH...**"

"...A TINY, HIGHLY **ADVANCED APPARATUS--** YOUR **ENERGY-IMPLANT!**"



"A SCAN OF MICROSCOPIC VISION AND I WAS ABLE TO UNSCRAMBLE THE KRYPTONIAN CIRCUITRY AND FIGURE OUT THE DEVICE'S PURPOSE..."

GREAT SUNS!
I'VE BEEN
DUPED!

BY RESISTING
MY FOES-- I'VE
ACTUALLY
BEEN
HELPING
THEM!

"YOUR IMPLANT WAS A BATTERY-- BEING CHARGED UP BY THE SUPER-WILL POWER I EXERTED EACH TIME I RESISTED YOUR COMMANDS TO DESTROY EARTH!"

RIGHT, SUPERMAN...
EVERY STEP OF THE WAY!

EVENTUALLY THE IMPLANT
WOULD HAVE AMASSED
ENOUGH ENERGY TO POWER
OUR PLANET TRANSPORTER--

...WHICH IS
DESIGNED TO HURL
EARTH OUT OF THIS
SOLAR SYSTEM--
AND INTO ORBIT
AROUND THE RED
SUN THAT OUR
NATIVE WORLD
REVOLVED AROUND
BEFORE IT WAS
DESTROYED!

SO THAT WAS
YOUR PLAN-- TO
TURN EARTH
INTO A SECOND
KRYPTON!

BUT DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT
UNDER A RED SUN, THE
THREE OF US WOULD NO
LONGER HAVE SUPER-
POWERS?

YOU
WOULD
LOSE YOUR
POWERS,
KAL-EL--
BUT NOT US!

SINCE OUR FIRST
BATTLE MANY YEARS
AGO, ZEDA AND I
ACQUIRED THE SECRET
OF THE COSMIC
POWER-GRIP!

POOF!
BLASTS
INTENSE
ENOUGH TO
STUN ME...

THE GRIP GIVES US
FANTASTIC POWER!
NOT ENOUGH TO MOVE
A PLANET-- BUT MORE
THAN ENOUGH TO
ANNIHILATE YOU!

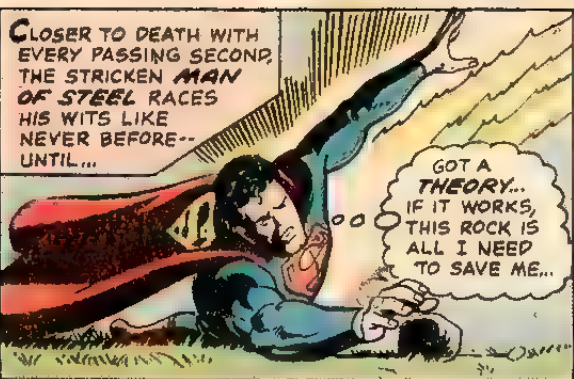
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NO BLUFF... THEIR
BARRAGE SAPPING
THE LIFE OUT
OF ME...

T-THAT CURSED
GRIP OF THEIRS
WILL LEAVE ME
DEAD IN A FEW
SECONDS...

MY ONLY
HOPE...
SEPARATE
THOSE TWO...
SOMEHOW...

B-BUT HOW...
WHEN I CAN
HARDLY MOVE...?

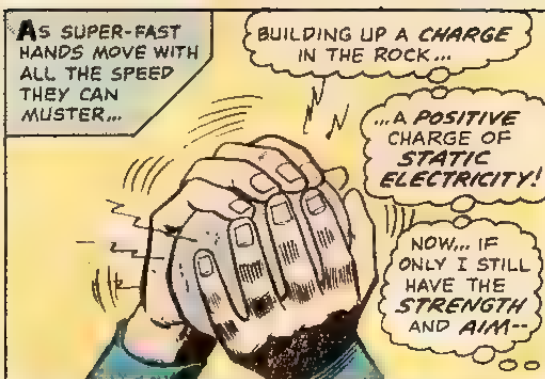
CLOSER TO DEATH WITH EVERY PASSING SECOND, THE STRICKEN **MAN OF STEEL** RACES HIS WITS LIKE NEVER BEFORE-- UNTIL...



GOT A THEORY... IF IT WORKS, THIS ROCK IS ALL I NEED TO SAVE ME...

AS SUPER-FAST HANDS MOVE WITH ALL THE SPEED THEY CAN MUSTER...

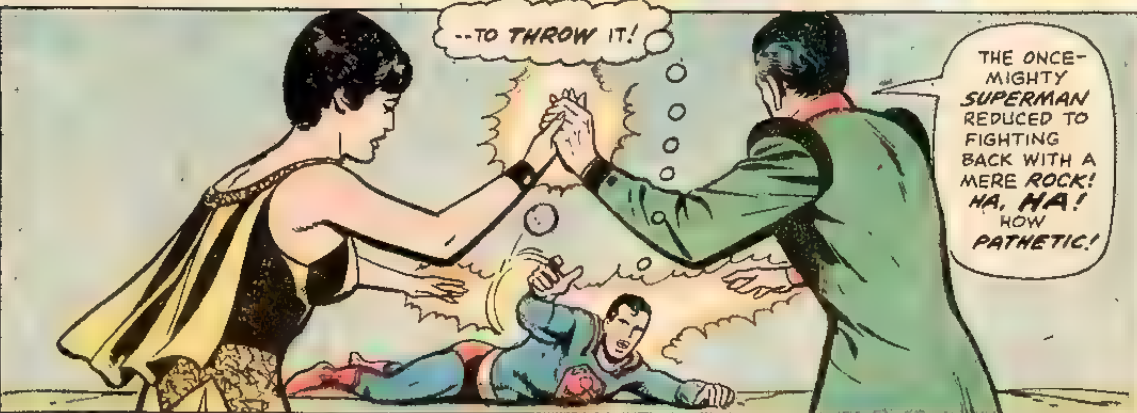
BUILDING UP A CHARGE IN THE ROCK...



...A POSITIVE CHARGE OF STATIC ELECTRICITY!

NOW... IF ONLY I STILL HAVE THE STRENGTH AND AIM--

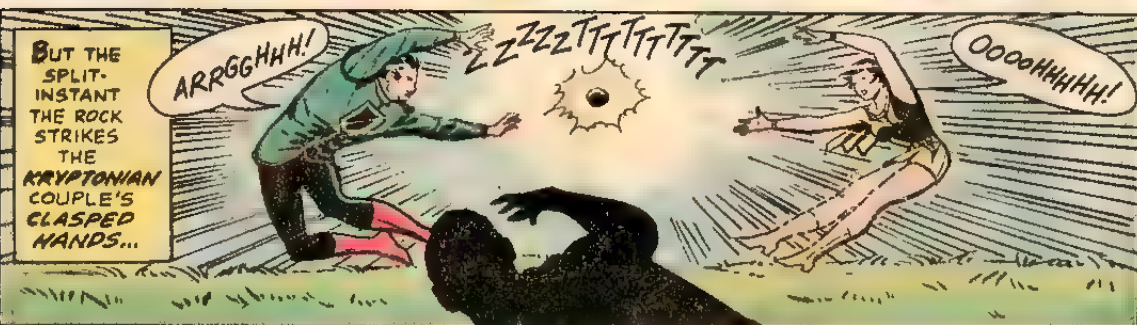
--TO THROW IT!



THE ONCE-MIGHTY **SUPERMAN** REDUCED TO FIGHTING BACK WITH A MERE ROCK! HA, HA! HOW PATHETIC!

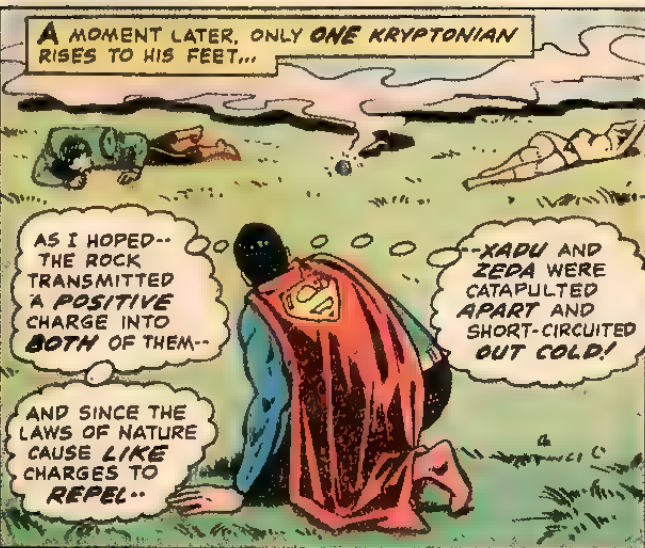
BUT THE SPLIT-INSTANT THE ROCK STRIKES THE **KRYPTONIAN** COUPLE'S CLASPED HANDS...

ARRGGHHH!



OooooHHHHH!

A MOMENT LATER, ONLY **ONE KRYPTONIAN** RISES TO HIS FEET...

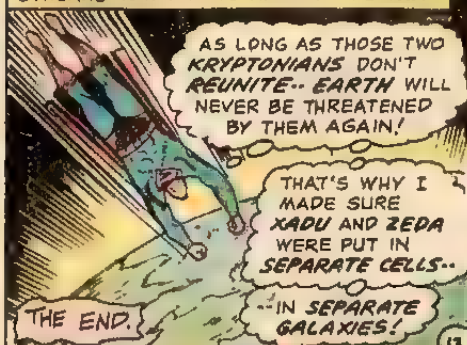


AS I HOPED-- THE ROCK TRANSMITTED A POSITIVE CHARGE INTO BOTH OF THEM--

AND SINCE THE LAWS OF NATURE CAUSE LIKE CHARGES TO REPEL--

XADU AND ZEDA WERE CATAPULTED APART AND SHORT-CIRCUITED OUT COLD!

THE NEXT DAY, A RELIEVED **SUPERMAN** STREAKS TOWARD HIS ADOPTED PLANET--



AS LONG AS THOSE TWO **KRYPTONIANS** DON'T REUNITE-- EARTH WILL NEVER BE THREATENED BY THEM AGAIN!

THAT'S WHY I MADE SURE **XADU** AND **ZEDA** WERE PUT IN SEPARATE CELLS--

IN SEPARATE GALAXIES!

THE END.

DON'T MISS NEXT ISSUE'S

ACTION COMICS

BLAST--

"The **SUPER-CIGARS** of **PERRY WHITE!**"

ON SALE LAST WEEK IN MARCH

WHEN RAY (ATOM) PALMER DECIDES IT IS HIGH TIME HE CASHED IN ON HIS SIZE-CHANGING DISCOVERY AND DO WHAT HE HAS DELAYED DOING FOR YEARS-- MARRY JEAN LORING--HE FINDS THAT HIS PLAN IS EASIER THOUGHT OF THAN DONE!

"THE UNMASKING OF THE ATOM"

JUST GOT BACK FROM A CHARITY FUNCTION WHERE I RAISED PILES OF MONEY FOR OTHER PEOPLE!

BUT WHEN I LOOK AT MY BIG BANKBOOK AND SMALL ACCOUNT...

ENOUGH OF THIS SUPER-HERO SHTICK!



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PENCILS: DICK DILLIN
INKS: DICK GIORDANO & FRANK McLAUGHLIN



IT'S TIME RAY PALMER USED THE TALENT THAT DEVISED THE ATOM'S SHRINKING RAY...

...TO HELP HIM MAKE ENOUGH TO SUPPORT THE WOMAN HE LOVES!

WITH THAT DETERMINED THOUGHT, THE NEWLY-ENLARGED PHYSICIST PICKS UP HIS PHONE, DIALS, AND...



OH, RAY, I CAN'T TALK TO YOU NOW... I'M DUE IN COURT--

RAYMOND-- WHAT DID YOU SAY--?

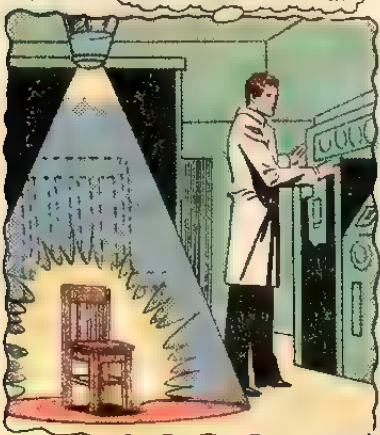
I SAID, JEANIE, THAT YOU ARE MEETING ME FOR LUNCH--

--BECAUSE I HAVE SOMETHING INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU!

'BYE!

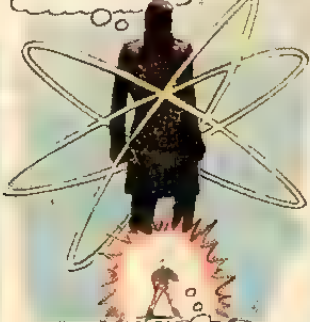
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EVER SINCE I DEVELOPED MY SHRINKING POWER, I'VE USED IT IN **SECRET** -- BEHIND A MASK --



BUT **THIS** TIME IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFERENT!

MORE OFTEN THAN NOT I'VE USED MY POWERS TO HELP JEAN ALONG IN HER CAREER AS A LAWYER...



... A CAREER THAT'S ALWAYS COME **FIRST** WHEN I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT SETTLING DOWN!

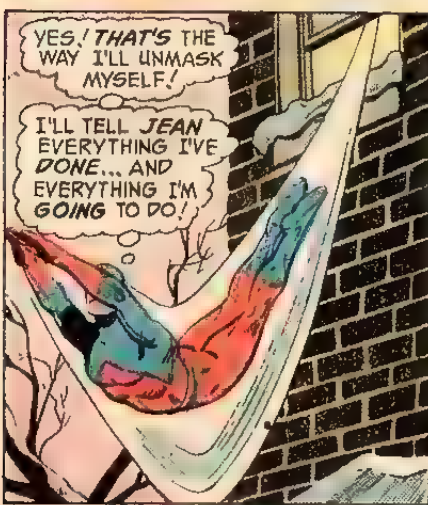
BUT WHEN JEANIE HEARS WHAT I'VE GOT TO SAY TODAY, **EVERYTHING** WILL BE DIFFERENT!

YOU HEARD ME--I SAID WE'RE **BOTH** QUITTING TODAY TO GET MARRIED!

YOU ARE QUITTING YOUR **LAW** CAREER-- AND I AM GIVING UP MY **SUPER-HERO** CAREER!



RAY, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHAT **SUPER-HERO** CAREER?



YES! **THAT'S** THE WAY I'LL UNMASK MYSELF!

I'LL TELL JEAN EVERYTHING I'VE DONE... AND EVERYTHING I'M GOING TO DO!



OH, RAY... ALL THIS TIME YOU AND **THE ATOM** HAVE BEEN THE **SAME PERSON**...

I NEVER EVEN SUSPECTED YOU'VE ALWAYS SEEMED SO QUIET!

OH... IT WAS NOTHING... REALLY...



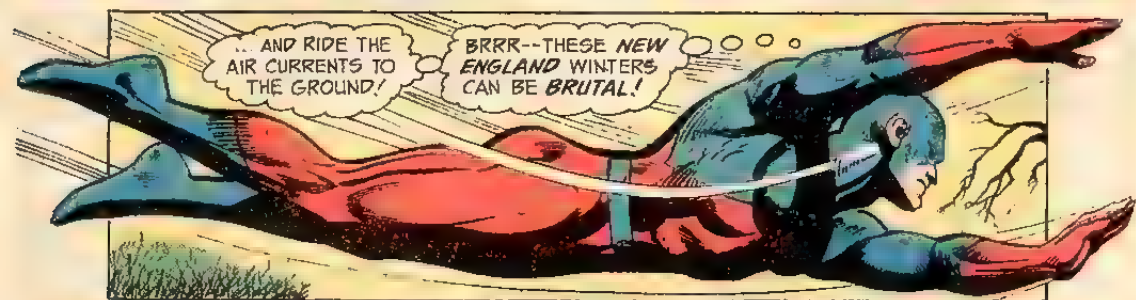
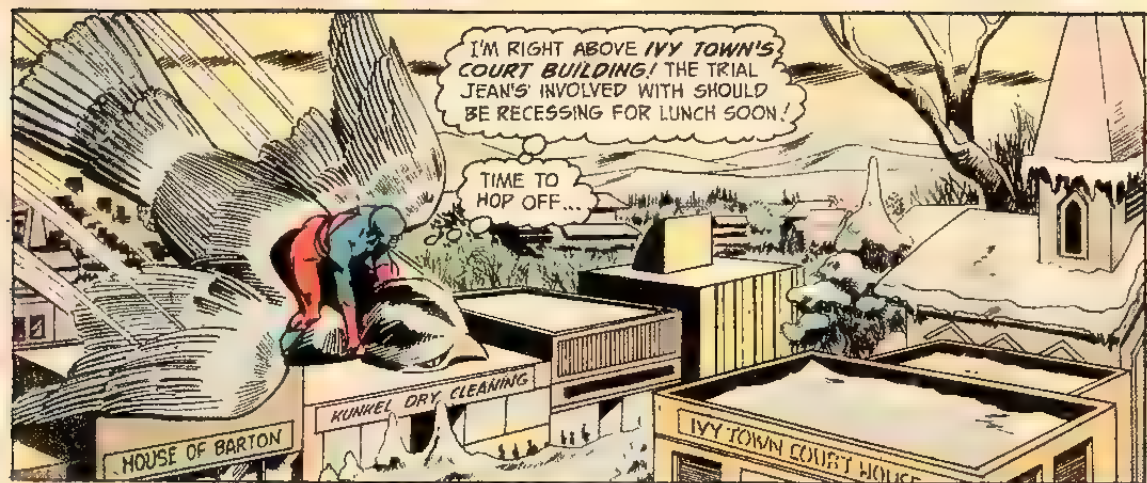
THEN I'LL GO **PUBLIC** AND THE WHOLE WORLD WILL KNOW!

I'LL **PATENT** MY SHRINKING DEVICE AND JEANIE AND I WILL "LIVE HAPPILY AND RICHLY EVER AFTER"!

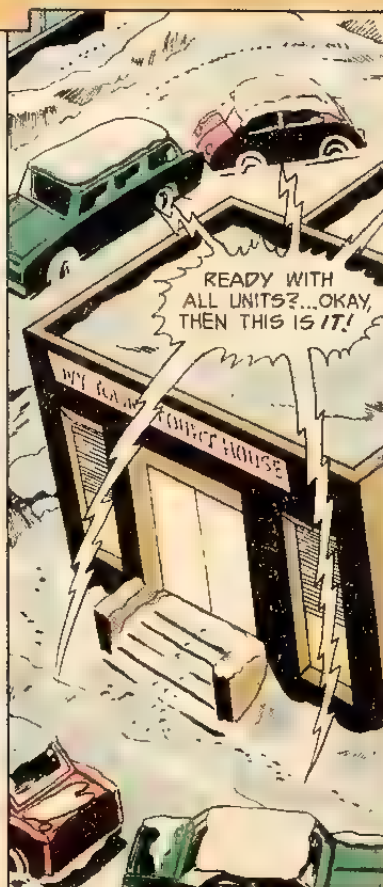


OOOH! THERE'S THE FAMOUS **GENIUS RAY PALMER** WHO USED TO BE THE **ATOM**!

HE AND HIS WIFE LOOK **SO** HAPPY TOGETHER!



MEANWHILE, IN THE VERY TOWN INTO WHICH THE *WORLD'S SMALLEST--AND MOST RELUCTANT--* SUPER-HERO IS GLIDING...



MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE COURTROOM, LADY
LAWYER JEAN LORING SITS BESIDE HER CLIENT...

I WAS APPOINTED BY
THE COURT TO DEFEND
SAX CARLIN AND I'M
DOING MY BEST TO SEE HIS
LEGAL RIGHTS
ARE PRO-
TECTED!

I HOPE THE BOYS
SHOW UP HERE QUICK--
I CAN'T STAND THE
TENSION!--I NEED A
TRANQUIL-
IZER!

WHA-WHAT'S ALL
THAT COMMOTION
OUTSIDE-- AN
ACCIDENT MAYBE?

ACCIDENT, NOTHIN'!
THAT'S MY BOYS
COME TO
SPRING ME!

BETTER TAKE A PILL
TO KEEP MY BLOOD
PRESSURE DOWN!

AND
OUTSIDE--

ALL UNITS MOVE
TO DESIGNATED
STATIONS! FORM
A RING AROUND
THE COURTHOUSE...

HARDWA

...OKAY, GANG--
GET THE BOSS
OUTA THERE!

NOT FAR AWAY,
OUTSIDE A
RESTAURANT...

THE TRIAL'S
RUNNING OVER
LUNCH HOUR--

HEY! WHAT'S THAT
RACKET AT THE
COURTHOUSE? SOUNDS
LIKE TROUBLE--

--THAT CAN
BETTER BE
HANDLED BY...

...THE
ATOM!

IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG FOR THE TINY TITAN TO RACE TO THE TROUBLE-SPOT...

THE JUSTICE LEAGUE SIGNAL-DEVICE ON MY BELT-- GIVING OFF STATIC LIKE CRAZY! HMM... THAT COULD MEAN--

YES...THE HIGHER I GET...THE STRONGER THE STATIC!

THERE'S THE ANSWER-- THAT CHARACTER ON THE ROOF! HE'S THE LOOKOUT-DISPATCHER OF THE BAND OF COMMANDOS BELOW!

SOME COUNTER-STATIC WITH MY JLA-SIGNALER TO SET HIM UP...

OWWOOW MY EARS--!

...FOR AN ATOM-IC BLAST TO KNOCK HIM DOWN!

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NEXT MOVE... TAKE OVER THE BREAK-IN!

ATTENTION ALL UNITS! EVERYONE LEAVE HIS STATION AND GO INTO 'THE COURTROOM.'

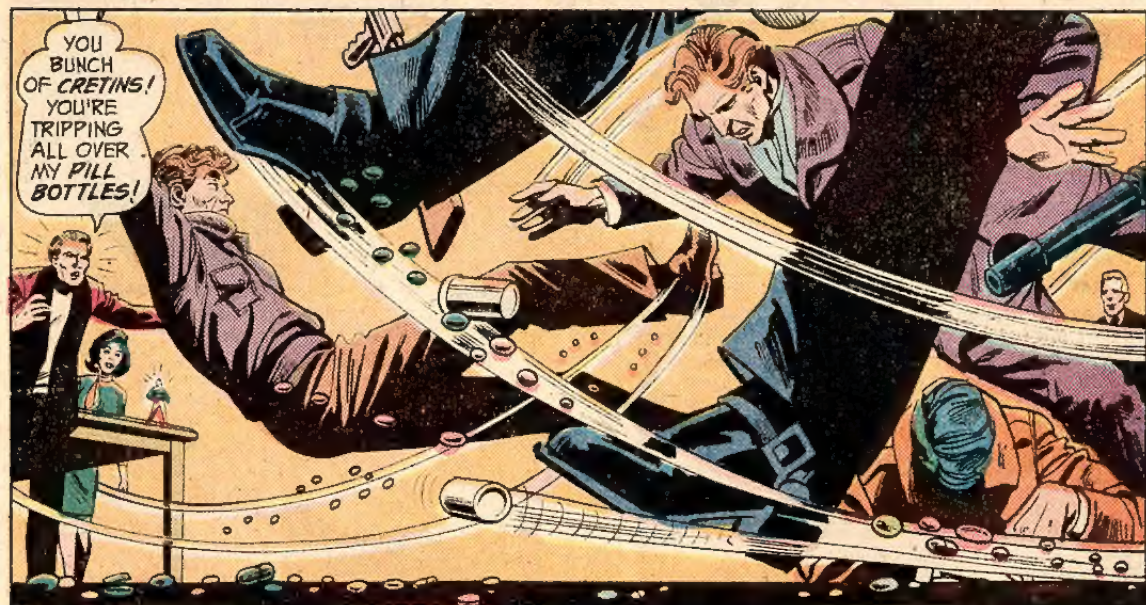
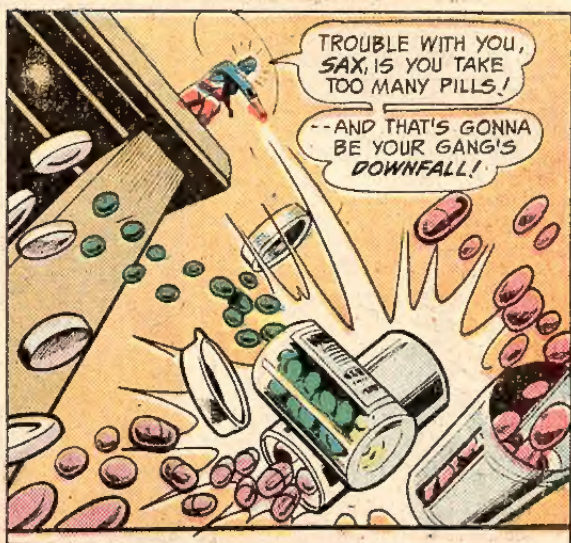
REPEAT-- LEAVE YOUR STATIONS, ALL UNITS!

THE COURTROOM'S JAMMED BY NOW-- BUT THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR LITTY-BITTY ME!

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS? LET US GO!

HEY!-- WHY'RE YOU ALL FLOODING IN HERE?

WHO'S KEEPING THE COPS OUTA THE BUILDING?



AND WHEN THE LADY LAWYER
FINALLY MEETS HER FIANCEE FOR
THEIR LATE LUNCH DATE...

MY GOSH, YOU
SHOULD HAVE
SEEN IT! THE
ATOM WAS
MAGNIFICENT!

MAGNIFICENT,
EH?

THE WAY HE
CAPTURED
THAT WHOLE
GANG OF
CROOKS WAS
SENSATIONAL!

SENSATIONAL,
EH?

WHY, IF IT WEREN'T FOR A
FEW DEDICATED SUPER-
HEROES LIKE THE ATOM...

...THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT
DESPERATE, VICIOUS PEOPLE
LIKE CARLIN'S GANG COULD
GET AWAY WITH!

OH... I SEE
WHAT YOU
MEAN!

BY THE
WAY, MY
NEXT CASE
IS A PATENT
DISPUTE
INVOLVING
DR. FRED
GOLLOB... YOU
REMEMBER
HIM, RAY?

YES, THE FORMER
IVY UNIVERSITY
PROFESSOR WHO
MADE A MINT
AFTER HE INVENTED
A WATER-
ANALYZING
MACHINE!

YOU KNOW, RAY... EVERYONE
AT THE UNIVERSITY THINKS
YOU'RE THE BRIGHTEST
YOUNG MAN IN THE
PHYSICS DEPARTMENT!

WHY DON'T
YOU USE
SOME OF
YOUR TALENT
TO INVENT
SOMETHING?

OH, I
DON'T
KNOW...

SOME OF
US HAVE
IT AND
SOME OF
US HAVEN'T!

BY THE WAY,
WHAT WAS
IT YOU
WANTED TO
TELL ME SO
URGENTLY
BEFORE
ANYWAY?

OH--NOTHING,
JEANIE...

NOTHING...
IMPORTANT!

LET'S EAT!

THE
END